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SUBJ: STATUS OF TENIENTE MATIENZO

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- 1. EMBASSY RECEIVED OFFICIAL COPY OF REPORT OF ARGENTINE ANTARCTIC ACTIVITIES FOR 1974/75 SUMMER AND YEAR 1975 IN MAY AND FORWARDED TO DEPT WITH A-107 DATED MAY 8, 1975.
- 2. THIS REPORT SHOWS MATIENZO BASE AS REACTIVATED FROM SEPT. 8, 1974 TO MARCH 1, 1975. IT LISTS THE BASE AS ONE WHICH IS "TEMPORARILY OCCUPIED". PERSONNEL LIST SHOWS COMPLEMENT OF SEVEN FOR MATIENZO. HEADED BY ALFEREZ RICARDO GARCIA AS CHIEF.
- 3. MATIENZO LOCATION 64 58'S LATITUDE, 60 04'W LONGITUDE. NO ARMAMENTS. BASE POSSESES COLLINS KWM-2A RADIO. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED THRU MARAMBIO. BASE HAS 4 SNO-CATS. LANDING OF SKI-EQUIPPED AIRCRAFT UP TO C-47 DEEMED POSSIBLE.
- 3. TO OBTAIN CURRENT STATUS REPORT, WE CALLED COMODORO RODRIGUEZ, THE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE. RODRIGUEZ SAYS THE STATION HAS BEEN REESTABLISHED TO SERVE AS AN IMPORTANT METEOROLOGICAL STATION IN CONNECTION WITH FLIGHTS TO MARAMBIO. HI SAYS MATIENZO WEATHER GENERALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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PASSES ON TO MARAMBIO ABOUT 3 HOURS LATER. HENCE, MATIENZO

OBSERVATIONS PARTICULARLY VALUABLE IN DECIDING ON COURSE OF AIRCRAFT FLYING FROM RIO GALLEGOS TO MARAMBIO PRIOR TO REACHING POINT OF NO RETURN. THERE WILL PROBABLY BE SOME SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AT MATIENZO THIS SUMMER, BUT STATION IS SMALL AND PRIMARILY FOR METEOROLOGICAL PURPOSE. RODRIGUEZ THINKS IT WILL REMAIN OPEN YEAR ROUND FROM NOW ON. ARGENTINE AIR FORCE IS RESPONSIBLE AGENCY.

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